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MEMORANDUM FOR: All National Intelligence Officers
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : DCI/NIO Meeting

1. [REDACTED], NIO/WE, will host the meeting which is scheduled for 1030, Wednesday, 6 December, in the DCI's Conference Room.

2. The meeting will be devoted to a discussion of Moves Toward West European Unity. The paper on which this discussion will be based is attached.

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Attachment

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TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED CONCERNING MOVES TOWARD WEST EUROPEAN UNITY
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I. EMS [REDACTED] of OER is the specialist in attendance on these matters.)

- A. Who needs it? (Why has movement toward economic and monetary union become the essential next step in the integration process?)
- B. How big is the gap between idea and reality? (In what significant ways will the program that emerges from the 4-5 December Council meeting be less than what Bremen had called for?)
- C. What are the risks of failure? (What's working for and what's working against the project's success and what would be the impact of early failure?)
- D. Assuming success, in what directions might the system evolve?

II. Direct Elections [REDACTED] of ORPA is the specialist in attendance on these matters.)

- A. Why has it taken 20 years to implement a solemn treaty commitment? (A matter of indifference, or have both the pro and anti forces exaggerated the significance?)
- B. What are the criteria of a "successful" election and does it look now as though they will be met?
- C. In which countries is it fairly clear there may be significant domestic fallout?
- D. In what specific ways do we see the directly-elected EP becoming a more significant factor in regional policy in the next two years?

III. Enlargement [REDACTED] of ORPA is the specialist in attendance on these matters.)

- A. What do the three candidate countries--collectively and individually--expect to get out of admission, economically and politically?
- B. What's in it for the EC? Are there offsetting economic and political advantages on which all the members agree, or has each one a different set of objectives and expectations?

IV. Overview [REDACTED] of ORPA is the specialist in attendance on these matters.)

- A. Are these developments proceeding on separate tracks, or are there cross-over relationships--either mutually supportive or in conflict?
- B. What do they add up to? A period of confusion and preoccupation with debilitating detail? Or, a period of transition to a quite different community--weaker or stronger?
- C. Is the growth of West German power and aspirations consistent with trends among other Western European countries? Is there a chance that West Germany will see the European Community as too small a stage to play out its role? If so what directions might FRG policy take?

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V. Policy Issues for the US [REDACTED] of the NSC Staff will be in attendance.)

- A. At what specific points is there the potential in any of these developments for an adverse impact on specific US interests?
- B. Apart from these potential costs, are these developments in line with the direction the US would hope to see Europe move during the next decade? Are there areas of uncertainty?